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In re Application of:

Mariko OKAMOTO et al.

Serial No.: 09/667,420

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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In reply to the Office Action dated May 8, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-41 are pending in this application. No amendments have been made.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-41 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Japanese Application No. JP 11 - 021227 to Takeshi ("Takeshi") and U.S. Patent No. 5,567,420 to McEleney et al. ("McEleney"). Applicants respectfully disagree with

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